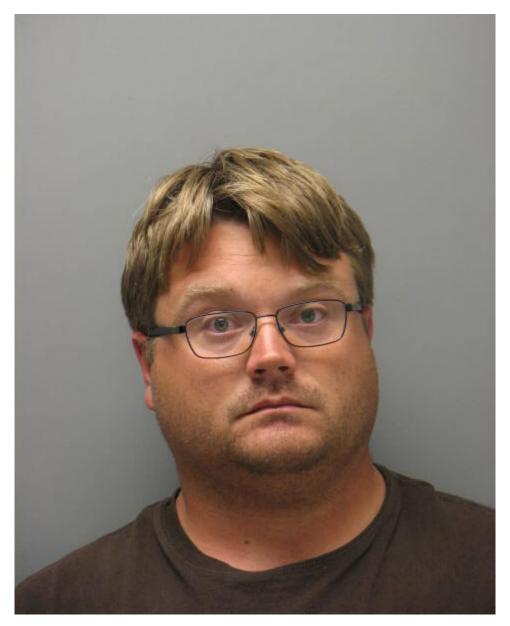
## Troopers Arrest Man for Sexual Solicitation

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale



Brian R. Budd

**Pike Creek-** Delaware State Police have arrested a 34 year old man after he solicited a 16 year old teen in an incident that occurred in Pike Creek early yesterday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, as **Brian R. Budd, 34**, of Wilmington, contacted a 16 year old Wilmington male via text and advised him that he wanted to introduce him to a 20 year old female. The male victim, who is an acquaintance of Budd's, agreed to the meeting and responded to the rear of the Shops of Limestone Hills, Wilmington. It was at this point that Brian Budd appeared from a wood line. When the victim asked Brian Budd where the female was that he was supposed to meet, Budd discreetly sent a text to the victim's phone pretending to be the female. The text requested that the victim allow Budd to perform a sexual act on him. The victim then contacted 9-1-1.

Brian Budd was taken into custody at the scene and transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with Sexual Solicitation of a Child under 18 to Engage in a Prohibited Sexual Act. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution for lack of \$50,000.00 cash bond.

Due to the sensitive nature of this incident and to protect the identity of the victim, specific details will not be released.

If any individual feels that they have been a victim of similar incidents involving Brian Budd, they are asked to contact Detective Nicholas J. Terranova at 302-365-8436. Information may also be provided by calling <u>Delaware Crime Stoppers</u> at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <u>www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com</u>, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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